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Attention: Box PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) for:

Inventor: Tsutomu NIWA

Title: GAME MACHINE

**This is not a Provisional Application.**

The application includes:

Specification (47 pages), including claims (1-8) and an Abstract (1 page)  
 Formal drawings (44 sheets, Figures 1-48)  
 Preliminary Amendment  
 Priority document, the rights of priority of which are claimed herewith under  
35 U.S.C. § 119: Japanese Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ filed on  
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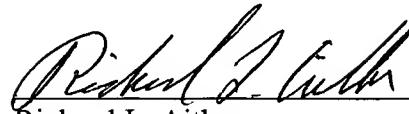
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